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ENP01F0072251 2/00/VCM/R310-72 (SONGBIRD) AVN/OPER, DAMC-GA, AMERICAN PILOT

CAPTURED POSSIBLY NORTHWEST OF HANOI

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A SERIES OF RECENTLY AVAILABLE 13 MAY CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED NVA PERSONNEL LOCATED POSSIBLY NORTHWEST OF HANOI REVEALED THE 13 MAY CAPTURED AND TRANSFER TO HANOI OF AMERICAN PILOT MAJOR JAMES P. PADGETT. THE CONVERSATION INDICATED THAT A PILOT WAS POSSIBLY CAPTURED IN THE AREA OF VIEN THIANG (WJ 4760, 21-21N 105-27E), 4.5 KM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF VIET TRI (WJ 4554, 21-17N 105-26E) AND INSTRUCTED THE RECIPIENT TO PROVIDE DIRECTIONS FOR THE ROUTE FROM MAI CHAU (WJ 7834, 21-06N 105-27E), 9 KM NORTHWEST OF HANOI, TO DINH GIAO (UNLOCATED), WHERE THE POW WOULD BE PICKED UP AND TRANSPORTED TO HANOI. A REQUEST FOR THE NAME AND DETAILS OF THE SECOND PILOT WAS FOLLOWED BY A REPLY IDENTIFYING THE PILOT AS JAMES P. PADGETT; RANK-MAJOR; DATE OF BIRTH-1932; HEALTH-WEAK BUT GRADUALLY IMPROVING. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF A FIRST PILOT. A FINAL CONVERSATION DISCLOSED THAT ON THAT NIGHT A VEHICLE FROM HANOI WOULD GO TO THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN AT DINH GIAO TO PICK UP THE PILOT, BUT NO FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE ROUTE OF TRAVEL WERE DISCLOSED. XXHH 200 #8415 NNNN

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